



**Alaina Fahley** is a trial attorney in the Appleton office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender, specializing in youth and family defense. Since graduating from Marquette University Law School in 2013, she has worked providing direct representation to youth, charged as juveniles and adults, in Northeastern Wisconsin. She has focused her practice for the past several years on representing youth in the juvenile justice system, adult justice system, and the child welfare system. She attended the Gault Center's JTIP Summer Academy in 2018 in Washington, D.C and multiple Annual Summits. She became YDAP certified in 2021. She has represented youth who are confronting a variety of charges, from truancy violations to adult homicide charges including litigating reverse waiver proceedings. She has built upon this direct representation by mentoring, training, and teaming cases with newer or less-experienced attorneys in her local office and the surrounding areas. She has also acted as a trainer for the Wisconsin State Public Defender and the Wisconsin State Bar in the areas of juvenile delinquency and child welfare. She has also worked with other stakeholders on a county and statewide level on youth and family defense issues, including presenting to the State Bar Board of Governors to support a position against indiscriminate shackling of juveniles and writing articles for statewide publications on shackling and other youth justice issues. In addition, she is the immediate past Chair of the Children and the Law Section of the Wisconsin State Bar.